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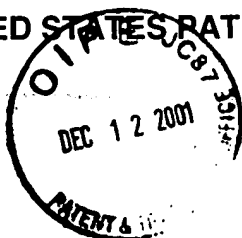
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 30, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 36, amend the paragraph spanning lines 23-29 as follows:

Figure 21: Figures 21A-L provide nucleic acid sequences of the present invention. The nucleic acid sequences encoding an E1 or E2 protein according to the present invention may be translated (SEQ ID NO 3 to 13, 21-31, 35 and 41-49 are translated in a reading frame starting from residue number 1, SEQ ID NO:37-39 are translated in a reading frame starting from residue

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